

WOODPECKERS NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2024

Welcome Back Wonderful Woodpeckers!

Thank you for your kind Christmas gifts. I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday making magical memories and that you are all now looking forward to the new term. The theme for the first half of this term is Inventors and Inventions.

In English we will be having a go at writing fiction and non-fiction texts. We will be learning the story 'Iggy Peck Architect' and using it to develop a love of different kinds of buildings and learn some of the key connected vocabulary. Children will enjoy using different materials to create their own towers and use a range of adjectives, superlatives (-est suffix) and comparatives (-er suffix) to describe and compare structures. Children will describe Iggy's character and make comparisons with Miss Lila Greer's character, using conjunctions. Children will use labels and write sentences to describe their drawings. Children will go on to create posters using different sentence types and consolidate their learning by creating a fact file about different buildings. We will also be looking at the familiar story Mrs Armitages Wheels and using this story structure to create our own stories and inventions.

We will be researching into different inventors and their inventions, which will link to our History and DT learning. As much as possible the curriculum will be taught through this theme.

In maths, we will be looking at place value of numbers up to and including 50. This will involve understanding teen numbers, looking at tens and ones, using a number line, ordering numbers and understanding one more / less than a given number. We will use this understanding of number to add and subtract numbers, recognising doubles and near doubles. In our Shape, Space and Measure learning we will be looking at measuring lengths, heights, mass and volume.

The theme for the second half of the term is 'A painting'. This theme will include lots of Art linked in with history, looking into the lives of local artists.

END OF DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please could you send a note confirming any changes to the end of day arrangements for their child e.g. clubs; which days he/she travels home by bus or is collected after school. When there is a change to the end of day travel arrangements, it would be very helpful if you could send a note with your child. Thank you.

REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARIES

- Reading books are exchanged on the same days as last term.
- Library books are exchanged on a Tuesday.
- PE will be on Wednesday and Thursdays and as we are still outdoors please remember your outdoor PE kit (tracksuits and waterproof jackets will be needed). On P.E. days please send your child to school without earrings and with hair tied back.

Your interest and involvement is extremely important to your child's happiness and progress. If there is any issue that you would like to speak to me about, please do not hesitate to contact us at woodpeckers@nayland.suffolk.sch.uk.

Thank you for taking the time to find out about our learning this term.

Mrs Betts and Mrs Bates
The Woodpeckers Team